

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/593,831 Confirmation No.: 3234
Applicant : Toshihiro AKAIKE, *et al.*
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Title : PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD
TC/Art Unit : 1632
Examiner: : Scott LONG
Docket No. : 69719.000003
Customer No. : 21967

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2009 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including May 2, 2010, which is a Sunday, thus extending the time to reply up to and include May 3, 2010 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1920.00 to cover the RCE fee (\$810) and three month extension of time fee (\$1,110). It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, or to keep the application pending, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.